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## Senior Center Set To Open Next Monday

By CATHERINE WALTHERS

Seniors will be moving into a new center opening Monday at the Central School.

The long awaited opening, originally scheduled for last summer, is finally here for seniors who have been using the basement of the First Baptist Church temporarily.

"I'm dying to get in there," said Phil Mercandetti, president of the Arlington Seniors Assn., responsible for raising nearly \$100,000 to furnish the new center.

The seniors association will occupy the first floor of the Central school, completely renovated under the direction of the Arlington Redevelopment Board. The top three floors contain rentable office space allowing for a rent-free space for seniors for several years.

The ground floor now houses the Council on Aging and Adult Day Health Care Center. With next week's move of programs into the senior center portion, the seniors' dream of a multi-faceted senior center finally comes true.

"Personally, I believe it's one of the best (centers) around in New England," said Mercandetti. "It's going to mean we will have so many different programs to attract more people. This is what it's all about."

"I call it the miracle of Menotomy because it really is when you consider what the building was and what it is now," said Council on Aging board chairman Harry McCabe, who echoes the thoughts of seniors getting their first glimpses of the nearly finished product.

"We had no idea when we started that it was going to turn out so great. The architects should get a national award," said McCabe. "The blend of the old and the new is just beautiful — even the furniture blends. It's just a top to bottom beautiful design."

A large function room is surrounded by two classrooms, a drop-in room, a game room, three small offices, a kitchen and a TV lounge. Workers are still finishing details in two of the rooms.

"The equipment they installed is high-class — the kitchen, the cabinets," said Scott Plumb, Council on Aging director. "The workmanship is excellent. It's just really a stunning building."

Seniors spent about \$85,000 of the \$100,000 raised for furnishings now in place. The building is also air-conditioned.

The senior center will be open from 9:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tours will be offered on the hour starting May 26.

A membership meeting of the Arlington Seniors Assn. will be the highlight of the center's first week of operations. That meeting is set for Friday, May 23, at 1:30 p.m.

A formal open house for the entire center may be in either June or the early fall.

The association is hoping for a large turnout then and a growth in membership and use of the center.

Already, two new programs — a painting class and an exercise class — are being added. More are planned.

"The church was nice, but we couldn't get all our programs in," said Mercandetti.



Tony Casendino, center, of the architectural firm CBT and Casendino, describes the proposed plans to develop condominiums on the Larson site off Lowell st. Developers of the property are Gerald Brecher, and attorneys Robert Green and Dan O'Connell. (Bill Haynes Photo)

## Larson Site Condo Plan Wins Support

Developers Face The Next Hurdle Monday At Special Town Meeting

By WILLIAM B. HAYNES

A warrant article to rezone land enabling development of a condominium project goes to a Special Town Meeting Monday with unanimous support from the Redevelopment Board.

The board voted unanimously at last Monday's public hearing to support an article to rezone the Larson site off Lowell st. to allow the project.

Developers Gerald Brecher, Robert Green, and Dan O'Connell, CBT and Casendino architects Tony Casendino and Marc Flannery, concerned citizens, and Schwamb Mill trustees all discussed the project before the board gave their support to Article 2.

Article 2, which calls for the rezoning of the site from industrial to R7, the highest density land use zone, will be decided before the Special Town Meeting in Arlington Town Hall next Monday night at 8 p.m.

The developers had presented preliminary plans at the April 14 meeting for the two parcels of property owned by William Larson, and Dave Robson and situated next to the historic Schwamb Mill. At this time, the board told them to revise their plans.

At Monday night's public hearing, the developers presented slightly revised site plans.

Although members of the board had earlier requested that the developers consider lower density R6 zoning, the project remains at R7 because of the height restrictions.

In all other respects except height the project falls within the R6 range, but R7 zoning is needed to enable the buildings to rise to five stories, thereby leaving more open land for park space.

"The density is in the middle of all other Arlington apartment complexes," said Green.

The plans call for a 135,000 square foot project made up of between 120 to 130 townhouse and condo units, and ranging in height from 2 1/2 to 5 stories with both underground and deck parking.

The plans show the buildings located in the north and west area of the site and arranged in a U-shape around a park with a bridge, trees, and a small waterfall in the middle. The park would be located near, and accessible to, the proposed bike path.

Developer Green said the project would help the town in several ways.

"We will restore the two Schwamb Mill buildings and transfer them to the Schwamb Mill trust for their use," said Green. "We have been working with the trust and we will continue to (Please See CONDOS, Page 11)

## Parents' Right To Visit Classrooms Is Debated

By WILLIAM B. HAYNES

Last week's Elementary Subcommittee meeting turned into a battle between parents calling for a system-wide policy of school visitation to observe their children's classes, and teachers and principals who believe granting permission to sit in on classes should remain with the individual principals.

The result of the debate is yet to be seen, but after nearly two hours of discussion among some 40 parents, teachers, principals, school administrators and members of the School Committee, a list of recommendations was formed on the issue of school visitation.

The recommendations were made by Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Joanne Gurry at last week's Elementary Subcommittee meeting. They will be discussed further at a meeting tentatively scheduled for June 11.

"The issue has cropped up in a lot of schools recently and it was time to

give it a good airing," said Gurry.

At the subcommittee meeting, a number of objections to class visitation were voiced by teachers and principals.

Among their concerns were the disturbance parents may create in a classroom, and the distraction it would cause to the students.

Other concerns were that it might make teachers nervous and the short time a parent would spend in class would not be representative of a teacher's ability or technique.

Some favored school-based management with visitation decisions remaining with the principals.

Others said it would give parents

the impression they could choose the teacher for their child when in reality they cannot.

They also said that if it were possible for parents to choose teachers, some might become overburdened while others would have small classes.

Parents and others in favor of a

visitation policy say that in the market-oriented society of today, parents want to shop for the best education.

They say that because many private schools allow classroom visitation, parents will feel more comfortable sending their children to a (Please See VISIT, Page 24)

## Police, Firemen To Question Consultants On New Study

Firefighters and police officers from Arlington and surrounding towns will turn out in force to a May 22 meeting about the new police/fire study.

Community safety employees, who describe the study as "really bad" and "ridiculous," are meeting with the consultants who will review their 41-page report and answer questions.

As many as 100 firefighters and police are expected to attend the meeting set for 8 p.m. in Arlington Town Hall auditorium.

The study concludes that both departments are overstaffed based on workloads and calls for major reductions of personnel.

According to the consulting firm of Cresap, McCormick and Paget, those cuts can save the town hundreds of thousands of dollars and not affect the level of service currently provided.

Consultants spent nearly an hour Monday night with the Board of Selectmen answering questions.

Since the report was issued, a group of Arlington police and firefighters formed a committee which has spent weeks reviewing the report and doing its own "homework."

That committee, plus firefighters from state and international firefighters' associations, plan to ask

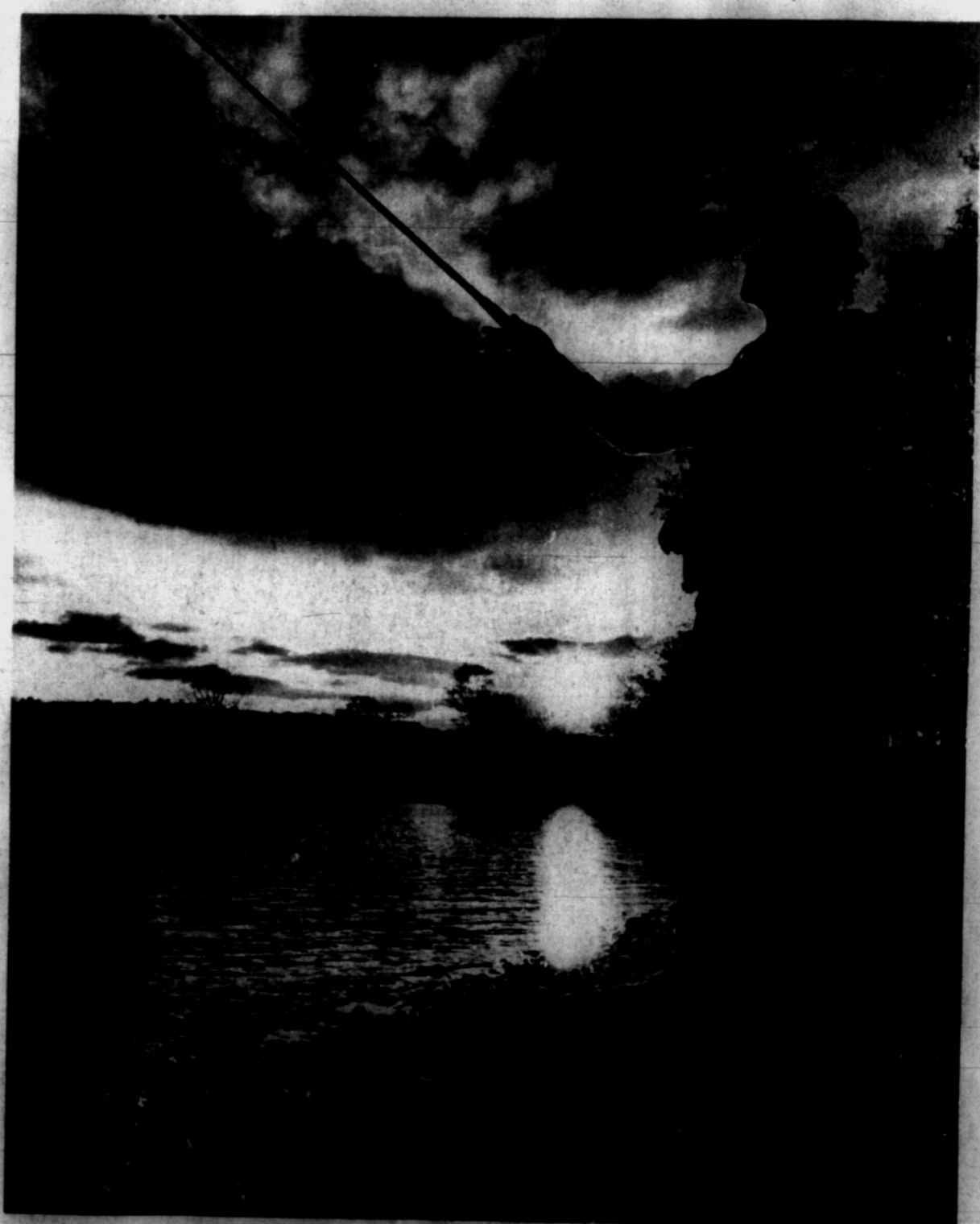
the consultants a multitude of questions at the meeting.

The meeting is open and firefighter union president Anthony Bonhomme said they would welcome residents.

"We'd like to have the public there. It's (the study) for the public — they're the ones paying taxes," he said.

In addition to this meeting, police and firefighters feel their most important meeting will be when they address the Board of Selectmen on June 2.

Employees plan to offer the board a point-by-point response to the study.



Robert Abru spends a Saturday fishing at Mystic Lake.

(Paul Drake Photo)

## Wetlands By-Law Proposed

By EDWARD ENGEL

A proposal to control activities impacting wetland areas will be one of 18 articles to be considered at the Special Town Meeting May 19.

The town Conservation Commission has proposed a local wetlands protection bylaw that complements the state bylaw and which would go into effect June 1.

According to Commission Chairman Stephen Gilligan, the bylaw will provide local control for the town instead of leaving control with the state, give Arlington a more manageable public hearing process and create a permit fee schedule.

"For instance," said Gilligan, "under the state statute an applicant doesn't have to come back for a continuation of a hearing unless he feels like it — the developer can say 'no.' The bylaw would give the commission the authority to continue the hearing if necessary."

"The commission has been looking toward creating a bylaw for quite some time. We wanted to do it at the spring (April 9) Town Meeting," said Gilligan.

Section 1 of the proposed bylaw says in part that "No person shall remove, fill, dredge, build upon or alter any marsh, freshwater wetland, wet meadow, bog, swamp, river, stream, pond or lake or any land under said waters . . . without first filing . . . written notice of his intention . . . and, without receiving and complying with a permit issued by the Conservation Commission. Each such Notice of Intention shall be accompanied by a filing fee to be determined in accordance with a fee schedule . . . payable to the town of Arlington."

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## Arlington High Artist Honored

By EDWARD ENGEL

Today, whenever Regina Vannicola lays brush to palette, she must see every color on it as gold.

The 18-year-old Arlington High School senior is one of only 40 or 50 New England high school students to win a gold medal in Scholastic Magazine's annual national Scholastic Art Award Contest in New York City. The award, a plaque with a gold medal on it, was given for a painting Vannicola made in a AHS class.

Her piece, an untitled pastel portrait of a friend, will now go on national tour, starting in Philadelphia in June at the National High School Art Exhibit.

"I knew that if I won the gold in New York, it (her piece) would go on tour," Vannicola says.

To get to the national award competition, Vannicola had to first win one of 500 Gold Keys and then one of 240 Blue Ribbon awards in the the Boston (Please See ARTIST, Page 24)



Regina Vannicola was a gold medal winner in Scholastic Magazine's national student art competition.

## Special Athlete



Becky Marchand crosses the finish line to win a race at the Special Olympics held at Arlington High School on Saturday. The 1986 Northern Mid-

sex County Special Olympics was sponsored by the Arlington Assn. for Retarded Citizens and the Massachusetts Special Olympics. (Paul Drake Photo)

## King St. Developer Gets Redevelopment Board OK

By WILLIAM B. HAYNES

The Redevelopment Board voted 4-1 to support Town Meeting warrant Article 3 which calls for rezoning land bordered by Summer st., King st., and Candia st. to R4 to allow the construction of townhouses.

Redevelopment Board Chairman Thomas Falwell was the only dissenting vote.

Members agreed to limit the number of townhouses to 11. Developer George Shallah had requested a development of 19 townhouses at last year's Town Meeting.

Shallah had already acquired building permits for 11 single-family dwellings and could have begun construction any time last year. But this spring, he was persuaded by the Board of Selectmen to return again to Town Meeting to rezone the property for townhouses.

Selectmen made the request because of concern over the safety of the roads used to enter and exit the area.

Rezoning to R4 would give the Redevelopment Board power through

its Environmental Design Review process to ensure the project is safely planned and built.

At least 10 different neighbors addressed the board at the public hearing.

"Last year the plan was rejected by Town Meeting," said Town Meeting member John Worden. "I've heard nothing new that's worth bringing Town Meeting into session for the same old plan, and I urge you not to rezone."

"Ninety percent of the people are opposed," said Lenore Prueser of 22 Gorham st. "It is the consensus once again that we don't want the neighborhood rezoned, but want to maintain the single-family character."

"I had hoped to speak in favor of it tonight and I had hoped he had done his homework," said Peter Southwick, referring to the developer. "I cannot support it. I feel the best use of the land is townhouses but until I see something solid, I really can't support it."

Some of the neighbors said they could support the project if it was

limited to 11 townhouses.

"It is a question of balance of trust and distrust and I don't trust the developer at all," said Ethan Bradford of 8 Candia st. as he gave his support to the rezoning. "I would be in favor of a strict legal limit of 11 if applied when sold, and that could not be circumvented by a future board."

In voting to support the plan, Redevelopment Board member Philip McCarthy said, "I don't believe the character of the neighborhood will change. There will be no traffic impact at all."

McCarthy moved to support the article with the statement that "the board will hold the landowner or his successor to 11 units in the EDR process."

"Every car going from King st. to Summer st. is a dangerous event," said Faulkner. "If it doesn't pass, there will be no control of King st."

Both Article 3 and Article 4 will be discussed on Monday at 8 p.m. at the Special Town Meeting in the Arlington Town Hall.

## Some Neighbors Still Oppose Plan

By CATHERINE WALTHERS

Even after Selectmen's attempts to convince neighbors abutting the King st. development to support rezoning, some remained skeptical and others did not budge from their opposition.

Despite the neighbors' opposition, Selectmen voted unanimously to recommend the acceptance of three private streets to become public ways.

During the hearing Monday night, members of the Board of Selectmen urged rezoning to allow townhouses rather than single family homes on the site off Summer st.

If the property is rezoned, the developer must submit all plans for review by the Redevelopment Board thereby giving the town control, explained Selectman Charles Lyons.

On the other hand, if the developer builds single family homes the town could not interfere on the number, the size, materials used, or other decisions.

In addition, if the property is rezoned and streets accepted and fixed, the problems of the hazardous corner at King and Summer st. would be resolved, Selectmen said.

Residents of the new development would use either Candia st. or Gorham st. to exit the project, bypassing the dangerous intersection.

Residents gave the board a peti-

tion expressing their concerns. Signed by residents of Gorham and Crawford st., the petition asked Selectmen to preserve the character of their neighborhood by allowing only single family homes.

"Right now it's a quiet street," said Joyce Crimmings of Gorham st. "It's going to mean a lot of traffic."

"We don't want townhouses. I'd love to see single-family homes," said Lenore Prueser, also of Gorham st. "What you have here is two lousy choices," Selectman Stephen Conroy told the neighbors.

Conroy suggested it was better for neighbors to have a controlled development.

In his case, Candia rd. resident Ron Rivest said it would not be better for him. If the town turns the road public, Rivest said he will have to find a place to park his car now left on the street at night.

Taking his turn to convince neighbors, Selectman Robert Murray urged residents to think about their future neighbors. Murray predicted a fatal accident if future homeowners were only allowed to use the King-Summer intersection.

The real problem, some residents said, was their mistrust of the developer, George Shallah.

Since Shallah's request to build townhouses last year was turned down, he has used land for dumping

and made it an eyesore, they complained. In addition, they blame him for dividing the neighborhood.

Candia st. resident Ethan Bradford said he thought that if Selectman gave the developer access to Gorham st., he would build even more houses.

Bradford's said his wish is to hold up the project until Shallah gives up and sells the land. Then they could get a developer "who will do a decent job."

Neighbors expect to attend Monday's Special Town Meeting where the rezoning question will be decided.

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## Library

## Remmert, Hodges To Address The Library Friends

Elizabeth J. Hodges, former assistant director at Robbins Library, will be the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Robbins Library on Tuesday, May 20.

She will describe the early history of the Friends, which began in the 1960s. After a quiet period, the organization has recently gathered energy, increased its membership, and advanced successfully in several new directions.

The annual meeting will also feature comments by Library Director Maryellen Remmert. Following reports by current officers of the Friends' Board, there will be an election of the 1988-89 Board of Directors.

The meeting takes place at the Fox Library and begins at 7:30 p.m.

## Foxy-Folks To Hear Mel Simons

Mel Simons, a familiar New England personality, will make a return appearance to the "Foxy-Folks" at the Fox Branch Library on Monday, May 19, at 1:30 p.m.

Simons, who is heard regularly on WBZ's Larry Glick and Ken Meyer shows, invites you to "Smile and remember" — songs, stories and humor from the early days of radio and way back when...

All senior citizens are welcome at the program which is free. Light refreshments will be served.

## 'Top Hat' To Show At Fox

To celebrate the upcoming 87th birthday of Fred Astaire, the movie "Top Hat" will be shown free at the Fox Branch Library, this Friday, May 16, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

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## Teen Pregnancy In Arlington Is Focus Of May 18 Forum

Today's teenagers face increasing sexual pressures, and the consequences are felt locally. A public forum, "Teen Pregnancy in Arlington: Fact or Fiction?" will address the issues related to teen sexuality and pregnancy in Arlington.

A four-member panel, comprising three Arlington professionals and one member of a state organization, will present their views. The Arlington panelists are Charles Harrington and Elaine Hassler, teachers at Arlington High School, and Patsy Kraemer, ad-

ministrator of the Arlington Youth Consultation Center. The fourth panelist, Joan Tighe, is executive director of the Alliance for Young Families.

Each panelist will discuss the issues facing Arlington related to teen sexuality, and then questions will be invited from the audience.

The public is encouraged to attend this program, which will be held Sunday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 630 Mass. ave.

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by PAUL J. CONNOLLY  
Hearing Aid Specialist

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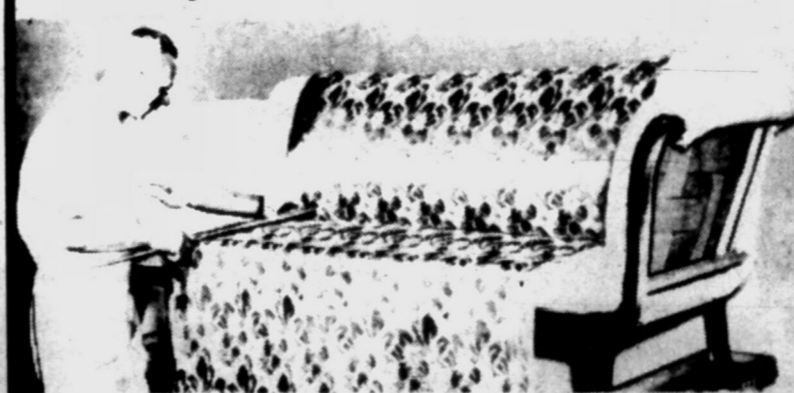
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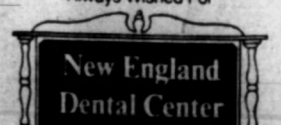
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## Checking Voter Signatures



Eighth Congressional District Candidate Joseph Kennedy submitted 3,807 Arlington voter signatures to Town Clerk Ann Powers and assistant registrar June Walsh. While only 2,000 signatures are required by law for the candidate's name to appear on the Sept. 16 primary ballot, Kennedy submitted a total of 25,000 signatures in the district. His local signatures were collected by a group of about 110 volunteers.

## Teens Charged With B&E, 13 Other Arrests Are Made

A 14-year-old, and two 16-year-old Arlington boys were arrested Thursday on charges of breaking and entering a home on Beverly rd.

The arrests came after a 16-year-old Arlington youth came home at 6:45 p.m. Thursday to find three uninvited youths in the house.

The boy called the police who arrived immediately and arrested one 14-year-old outside the home. Two other 16-year-olds were arrested later in the evening on Mass. ave. in Arlington Heights.

All three were charged with breaking and entering in the daytime. Police found several bike parts gathered together and dropped by the individuals who ran from the dwelling.

Police made 13 other arrests this week for crimes ranging from disturbing the peace to buying alcohol for a minor.

A 21-year-old Arlington man was arrested last Tuesday on Hutchinson rd. and charged with operating after his license was revoked.

An 18-year-old Arlington man was arrested on Pond lane last Tuesday and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol.

On Thursday, a 24-year-old Arlington man was arrested on Mass. ave. and charged with buying alcohol for a minor. An 18-year-old Belmont woman, and a 15-year-old Arlington girl were arrested after police observed them in the car with the man, and they were charged with being minors in possession of alcohol.

On Friday, a 59-year-old Belmont

man was arrested on an Oak Bluffs warrant for driving under the influence. Police say they brought the man to the station originally for protective custody and then discovered his prior warrant.

Also on Friday, a 16-year-old Arlington youth was arrested on Mass. ave. near Amsden st. for being a disorderly person. Police say the youth was in the middle of Mass. ave. at 11 p.m. jumping up and down, shouting obscenities and forcing cars to stop.

Two Lexington men and two Arlington youths were arrested on Mass. ave. in the Heights at 11:46 p.m. on Friday night and charged with being disorderly people. Police say the arrests came after the four youths would not stop their fist fight.

On Saturday, the same 16-year-old Arlington youth who was arrested on

Friday night for being a disorderly person, was arrested for the same charge again on Mystic st. Police say the youth was in the middle of Mystic st. at 12:45 a.m. screaming "why don't you arrest me?" and stopping traffic.

A 21-year-old Arlington man was arrested Saturday on Magnolia st. and charged with being a disorderly person. Police said he was knocking over track barrels and yelling and screaming on Varnum st. before police chased him and made the arrest.

On Sunday, a 17-year-old Arlington man was arrested on Lakehill rd. and charged with violating his parole.

Also on Sunday, an Everett man was arrested on Water st. and charged with speeding and operating without a license or registration.

# Manager Discusses His Goals

By CATHERINE WALTHERS

Town Manager Donald Marquis wants to work on tax reform, provide better shopping areas in town, and implement a new position classification for town employees among other goals for the next fiscal year, he told Selectmen.

Of all his 11 goals for Fiscal Year '87 which starts in July, Marquis said he expects to spend "a lot of time" fine tuning the police and fire departments.

Selectmen expect to use the manager's goals as an evaluation tool next year before they renew his contract.

Several board members suggested additional goals for the manager and asked him to incorporate the suggestions into a new set of goals.

### Tax Reform

Marquis said his objectives are to increase local aid to Arlington and push for a more equitable local aid formula for Arlington and other cities and towns.

To accomplish this, he will contact state legislators and other cities and towns as well as continue working with the Mass. Municipal Assn. board.

If he can't make progress on this goal, Marquis said his second goal is put the question of increasing state aid on the state ballot for voters.

**Retaining CDBG, Revenue Sharing**  
To increase outside aid, Marquis hopes to retain Community Development Block Grants by amending the CDBG law.

Along with the National League of Cities, Marquis also wants a re-enactment of General Revenue Sharing.

Selectman Charles Lyons thinks the Revenue Sharing program is dead and would be a waste of time for the manager to pursue.

### Implement Year 6 of Prop. 2½

Goal four is to implement year six of Proposition 2½ by minimizing cuts and avoiding, if possible, layoff, explained Marquis.

Marquis said he will work to expand revenues through new growth, and increased user fees.

Lyons asked the manager to also produce a five-year revenue plan by Feb. 1 (two months after preparing the town budget).

### Rebuilding The Infrastructure

Marquis explained his next goal to "develop capital replacement program in order to rebuild the infrastructure."

His objectives include making the sewer and water systems self-supporting and exploring other revenue sources, for street improvements and maintenance of parks and playgrounds.

Marquis will be working with the Capital Planning Committee to develop a five-year capital expenditure program.

### Continue Townwide Economic Development

Marquis said he would like to provide better shopping areas for residents. His plan of action includes meeting with all potential developers and to meet with merchants to help improve their shops and facilities.

In addition, the town will continue work to provide improvements to public infrastructure in business districts through state and federally funded programs.

### Finalize Bikeway Plans

Marquis' objectives here are to "eliminate the track eyesore, connect more parks and playgrounds and permit residents to walk or bike to Alewife Station."

In the effort to build the bikeway along the railroad tracks all the way through Arlington, Marquis said he will continue negotiations with state officials and work with Cambridge, Lexington and Bedford, the other towns involved in the bikeway effort.

Lyons asked the manager to draft a "safety plan" to describe how the bikeway will be policed. "Are we going to add police motorcycles?" Lyons asked.

### Improve Community Safety Services

"I think I'm going to be spending a lot of time fine tuning the police and fire department," said Marquis to the board.

Among his objectives, Marquis wants to implement changes in the Community Safety department as a whole and make the fire and police divisions better coordinated using the fire police study as a base.

After reading the recently released report, Marquis said he has his own ideas about how to implement changes.

"The study makes a lot of good points, on the other hand it has a lot of faults," he said. "Hopefully we'll be coming up with something that makes sense."

In addition, Marquis wants to work toward achieving accreditation of the police division, make the department more responsive to citizens, make the department more cost effective and efficient and improve the administration and research in both divisions.

### Reduce Employee Health Costs

Marquis said he wants to explore alternative health plans which could promote cost savings.

### Wants New Classification Plan

His tenth goal describes establishing proper wage and salary levels for all town positions.

Marquis said he hopes to seek outside funding to hire a firm to study the town's employee classification and pay plan.

"We've got to address classification as a whole," he says. "If the town cannot afford a study, he wants the personnel director to continue to look at all the positions, not just the ones requested by employees."

### Equitable Electric Rate

Marquis' final goal is the achieve a more equitable electric rate structure between NESWC communities and New England Power relating to the trash-to-energy project.

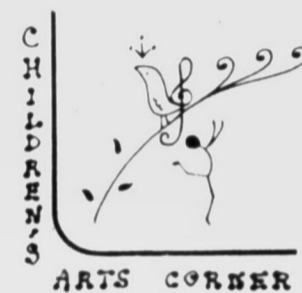
Selectmen want the manager to work on several other projects.

Janemarie Hillier asked the manager to work on solving problems of getting liability insurance for the rink and other municipal activities.

Lyons wants the manager to start looking at the longterm problem of a lack of space at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

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## Housebreaks

Last Tuesday, a ladies gold ring with a star sapphire, and another ladies gold ring with two pearls worth \$200 were stolen from a Waldo st. home after thieves forced their way into the home through the rear door.

## Thefts

A 1985 Lincoln Continental

stolen from a driveway on Walnut st.

A 20-inch chrome Univega bike was stolen from a Radcliffe rd. home last Tuesday.

A silver boys Hutch Trixa bike valued at \$300-\$400 was stolen from Broadway on Friday.

A men's 26-inch, 10-speed, blue Jetta bike valued at \$100 was stolen

from inside AHS on Saturday.

A basketball backboard and hoop valued at \$50 was stolen from the backyard of a Jason st. home on Sunday.

A Microsystem AM/FM cassette player valued at \$300 was taken from a 1985 Peugeot after thieves broke the passenger's side window on Monday.

A radar detector valued at \$279

was taken from a 1978 Chevrolet parked on Lombard terrace on Sunday. Entrance was gained to the car by smashing the windshield and the right side window.

On Monday, a 1984 Magnum II silver and black moped was stolen from the rear of AHS.

On Saturday afternoon, two teenage boys attempted to steal a bike from an 11-year-old deaf and dumb Arlington boy.

The youth told his mother that two boys were both 5-feet, 7-inches in height, and 14 years old, one with red hair and one with black. She said they tried to pull the youth off his bike as he was riding on Mass. ave. in East Arlington.

The youth resisted the attempt and the two boys fled.

## Vandalism

Four cars and 14 homes were vandalized last week. Damage to homes consisted mostly of broken windows.

Last Tuesday, the driver's side window of a car parked on Gardner st. was broken by a rock.

Eight planks on the Spy Pond bleachers were broken last Tuesday.

The windshield of a 1984 Oldsmobile on Amsden st. was broken by a rock on Thursday.

On Friday night, first and second floor windows were broken on an Orient ave. home by BB shots. Windows were broken at a Yerxa rd. home by a rock. Six windows were broken at a Pine Ridge rd. home.

On Saturday, a large window was shattered at a Drake rd. home. Vandals threw marbles and broke windows on Allen and Summer streets.

On Sunday, windows were broken on two cars and seven houses. On Fairmont st., vandals smashed the windshield of a 1971 Volkswagen, and the front and side windows of a 1979 Mercury.

Two large picture windows were broken on a Woodside lane home, and a large window and screen at a Mass. ave. home were damaged by a marble on Sunday.

A Webcowet rd. home and one on Pond lane were also damaged by marbles. The front storm window on a Summer st. home was broken by a rock on Sunday.

Also, a large window was broken by a small object at a Wadsworth rd. home on Sunday.

On Monday, vandals smashed two windows at a Mystic st. home with a rock. Four tires were punctured by nails on a 1985 Toyota parked on Lockeland ave.

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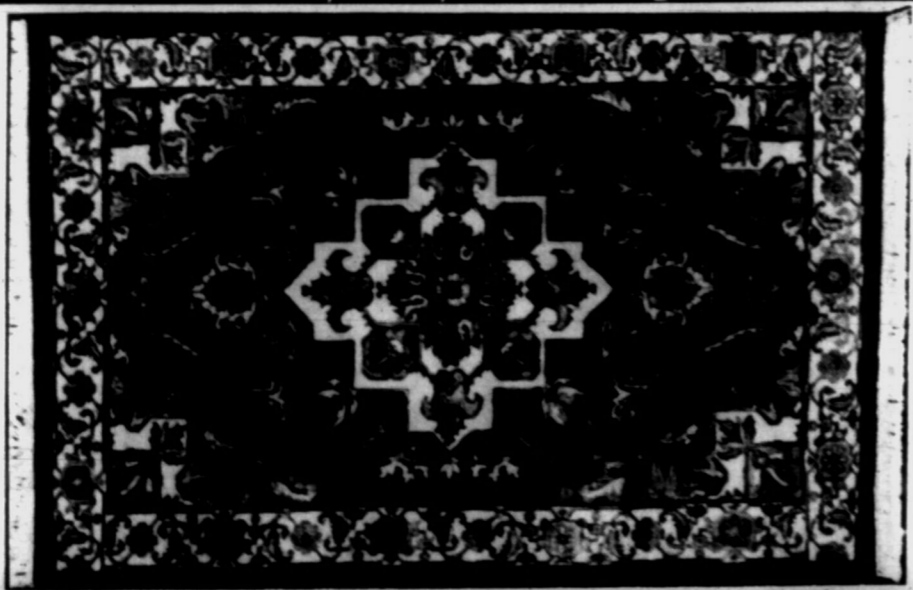
## School Beautification



Zou Zou Jammal, right, with Christine Jammal and Amy Driscoll, were among the Girl Scouts and Brownies of Stratton School who donated and planted a number of flowering shrubs last Wednesday as part of their School Beautification Project. Principal Bernard Walsh, on hand during the planting, thanked the troops and their leaders for their efforts in improving the appearance of the school grounds.

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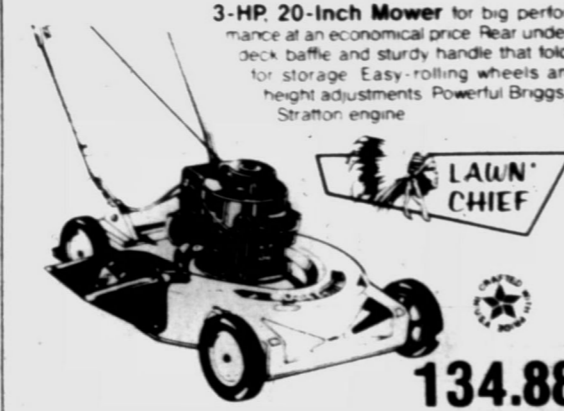
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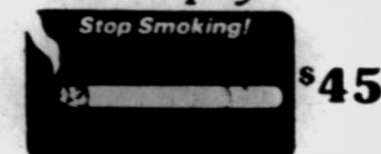
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## Raccoon Family Moves In

It's been a real life Disney drama for the Lukas family on Joyce rd. — and for the family of raccoons born in their chimney and now living under their porch.

Getting in from the cold, a mother raccoon gave birth to four kits at the base of the Lukas' chimney resting on the flue.

Sandy Smith, who was painting the living room for her friends, kept hearing noises on Monday. When she opened the flue, one newborn raccoon dropped down.

When the mother climbed out of the chimney and down off the roof carrying one of the kits in her mouth, Smith gently pulled the other two from the chimney.

An animal lover herself, Smith's plan was to catch the mother in a trap borrowed by the animal department. Then she would bring the whole family to the Audubon Society refuge.

She placed the trap (which does not hurt the animal) outside with the three babies inside.

However, when the mother came along she tipped the trap over and was able to free the raccoons inside. Now they are living under the porch.

As happy as the Lukas family is to have the family reunited, they hoped it would be in some other location.

Margaret Lukas said on a nice day like Tuesday she would usually bask in a lounge chair on the front stairs. Now she's cautious of the protective mother raccoon. "You won't see me sitting there for a long time."

When the warmer weather comes, she predicts the family will move on.



Sandy Smith, painting at a friend's house on Joyce rd., soothes a newly born raccoon, one of four given birth in the chimney sometime over last weekend. (Cathy Walters Photo)

## Electrical Fire Causes \$25,000 In Damages

By WILLIAM B. HAYNES

Domenic Zagami was sitting downstairs on the couch of his home a little after 11 p.m., when his stepdaughter Dianne Estella came downstairs complaining that she heard noises in the wall.

"I thought she was half asleep," said Zagami, who lives at 66 Brattle st. "But the lights blinked so I thought I'd check."

It was fortunate that he did. The investigation led to the attic where an

electrical fire had begun near the chimney.

"If she didn't hear the crackling noises in the wall we wouldn't have gotten out of that place," said Zagami.

The house fire, put out by 1:37 a.m., caused an estimated \$25,000 damage. Neither Zagami who owns the house, Estella, nor any firefighters were injured.

After Estella told Zagami about the noises, he went upstairs to the second floor to hear for himself.

Although he could not hear anything, he put his hand on the wall and felt that it was warm. He then headed for the attic.

"I could smell the smoke as I went up the stairs," said Zagami. "Then I saw a fireball around the chimney and I told her to call the fire department. Then I pulled the fuse in the basement."

Zagami was full of praise for the Arlington firefighters.

"Those guys worked hard and fast and knew what they were doing," said

Zagami. "They moved the TV set downstairs and covered my stuff with a big heavy canvas. I've never seen such guys in my life."

"I never thought of a fireman's job before but I'd never do what they do, it takes a lot of guts," said Zagami. "Those guys are dedicated they really are."

Zagami said the whole attic has to be taken down and rebuilt, and that there was water damage to some of the rooms, but they are still living in the house.

## Mail Registration May Not Increase Votes

By EDWARD ENGEL

A bill that would allow national voter registration by mail is winning a lukewarm reaction from state officials.

But an Arlington town clerk who has a mixed reaction toward mail registration says that even if the bill brought out more registrants, it would be unlikely to bring more voters to the polls, especially in town elections.

"A lot of people may register by mail because they would be able to pick one [a registration postcard] up at a convenient location," says town clerk Ann Powers. "But that doesn't mean they'll vote."

"Most people only register and vote for the presidential elections. Fewer show up for state and even fewer show up for town elections. There really isn't that much interest in registering or voting in town elections."

The mail registration bill was voted down by the Massachusetts Legislature May 6, but with 10,000 signatures supporting registration by mail, the issue would appear on

November election ballots as a binding initiative.

Massachusetts is one of 27 states that has not adopted voter mail registration.

Powers finds current in-person registration generally efficient. "It's very easy now for a person to register to vote. He doesn't have to show he can read or write or anything — a person can just walk in and fill in the card," she says.

The town clerk cites such conveniences as Saturday and night sessions and sessions held in other Massachusetts cities and towns as aids to in-person registration. Registration locations are open to 10 p.m. on the last night of registration she adds.

But, Powers says, "very few people go to registration sessions not held in Town Hall." She says the reason is

because of a familiarity with Town Hall's location and because of its centrality in Arlington.

Powers does see a strong positive incentive to town mail voter registration. "It'll definitely make it simpler for some people," she says.

She cautions, though, that "there's always the possibility for fraud in using the mails." The town clerk says that postage costs could also be a minor factor.

But even if more people are registered by mail, says Powers, that does not mean they are going to vote come election day.

"Registering is actually easier than voting," she says. "On voting day you have to go to a specific place at a specific hour."

State Rep. John Businger who drafted the mail registration bill has been trying to get it passed for the

past 15 years.

"There's a tremendous resistance in this legislature to helping people to register to vote," he says. "We can't let [the issue of mail voter registration] be up to the whims of town and state officials. I think it's [the bill] going to win because there are low, middle and upper income people hurt by it."

East Arlington Representative Mary-Jane Gibson is one town official who favors Businger's bill.

"Voter apathy and non participation is a big problem in the country, and anything that increases participation is a good thing," she says.

"I want to make it easier to register and to participate — the more people who take it seriously and participate the better."



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# Committee OKs Moratorium On Spy Pond Field Plans

By WILLIAM B. HAYNES

Following two hours of pleas from coaches, students, and town officials, the School Committee agreed to give Town Treasurer John Bilafer and his committee one year to devise plans to restore the grandstand and clubhouse at Spy Pond Field.

Bilafer later said the article in the Special Town Meeting warrant will be withdrawn on Monday night.

The School Committee had earlier voted in agreement with the town's proposal to tear down part of the grandstands and clubhouse.

Mike Wright, director of Properties and Natural Resources, had recommended the proposal for fear of the liability to the town if the facilities were left in their present condition.

Wright thought the cost of renovating the stands and clubhouse would be beyond the range of the tight budget. His plan, instead, called for renovating the remaining half of the grandstands and a small section of the clubhouse under the stands.

On Tuesday, the School Committee agreed to a moratorium on the

demolition and to work with a committee of interested parties.

The merits of the field and history of the site were stressed during the attempt to convince board members.

"The field was left to the school children of the town, but we as adults are trying to tear it down," said Bilafer. "The school children, those with a vested interest are opposed to that. We think that given time, we can make it into a first-class facility."

"Students feel it is unfair to knock down the clubhouse and stands," said Arlington High School student Joe Dalton. "The reason is that it is a disruptive process. It would be a much wiser choice to do constructive things with the money."

"Personally, I think this is a sacrilege," said Joseph Beasley, a landscape architect. "No one is going to fall through the boards and get hurt. This is history. You ought to read the sign in front of the field, it says 'Play fair.' We are only asking for your patience. Please don't let it be torn down."

"Give us the time and we'll do it

without costing the town a dime," said Barry O'Shaughnessy. "We'll get funds, walk the streets, run dances. We'll do what it takes to get money for the kids."

Wright said that the costs might be more than what those calling for the moratorium expected.

"We want to play fair and give the committee time, that's what my recommendation will be. Then we will look into the liability issue and the security," said School Superintendent Walter Devine.

## Parent Program Needs Volunteers

Good parenting is something to which all of us want to aspire. Yet often a situation arises when loneliness, confusion or stress make us feel unable to cope with daily responsibilities of parenting.

In such instances it is good to reach out to a friend—a Parent Aide—a person who will listen and offer unbiased support.

The Woburn Council of Social Concerns needs volunteers for the Parent Aide Program. Participants don't need to be a therapist or a social worker—just be there to listen and care.

Anyone who can give a few hours per week to a parent in need, should call Ellen or Irene at 935-6495. The Council provides training in parental stress, becoming a role model and establishing an effective working relationship with a parent at risk.

Our next orientation session will be held the week of June 9.



Kate Sullivan of Channel 7 will address the area Zonta Club meeting on May 17.

## Kate Sullivan To Address Zonta Area Meeting

The Zonta Club of Arlington will host the Spring Workshop for Area 5 at the Sheraton Lexington Inn in Lexington on Saturday, May 17. Ruth Mahon, president, Arlington Zonta Club and Marilyn Flaherty, director, have 19 members from Arlington who will be hostesses at the meeting.

Kate Sullivan, weekend co-anchor on the New England News will be guest speaker. Sullivan joined Chan-

nel 7 in August 1982 as weekend co-anchor, producer and reporter.

A native of Des Moines, Sullivan holds a bachelor of science degree in journalism from the University of Missouri at Columbia. She and her husband, Scott Linn, live in Boston.

Kate Sullivan will speak on "Women Issues in the 21st Century."



Polly Logan, Republican National Committeewoman, will address the Women's Republican Club May 22.

## Menotomy DAR Plans Luncheon

Menotomy Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold its annual Spring Cooperative Luncheon on Wednesday, May 21, at 12:30 p.m.

Please note the change in day and time from the usual meeting of Menotomy Chapter.

The Luncheon will be in the Ladies' Parlor of the Pleasant St. Congregational Church, 75 Pleasant st. Each member is to bring her own complete place setting.

Guest of honor will be Mary Ellen Bilafer, 1986 Good Citizen of Arlington High School, sponsored by Menotomy Chapter. Her mother, Mrs. John J. Bilafer, will also be a guest.

The program title is: "Epitaphs that Perpetuate Memories of Folklore." It will be followed by installation of officers.

There will also be a Pound Auction — each member brings an item that weighs one pound and which may be disguised. These items will be auctioned to improve the status of the chapter treasury.

## Arl. Women's Republican Club Plans Luncheon

Polly Logan, Republican National Committeewoman, will be the guest speaker at the Arlington Women's Republican Club Annual Spring Luncheon.

Mrs. Logan has been cited for her involvement in and service to the community, for her work in getting people involved in the political process, and for giving state and national leaders a greater awareness of Massachusetts problems and opportunities.

She is Republican state committeewoman from the Norfolk and Plymouth district as well as Republican national committeewoman for Massachusetts. She is also a charter member and executive vice president of the Doric Dames, a volunteer guide service at the State House; chairman, public relations for World Affairs Diplomatic Series; and founder of the ladies' committee for the USS Constitution Museum, Charlestown.

The luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 22, at the Cottage Crest in Waltham. The social time will commence at noon with luncheon following at 12:45.

Hostesses will be club President,

Lorinda A. Roberts; First Vice President, Mrs. Raymond Eaton; Second Vice President, Mrs. O. Melvin Bond; Secretary, Mrs. Herbert M. Knight; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Stanley Stewart and Representative to Arlington Republican Town Committee, Mrs. S. Peter Tassinari.

To make reservations call Mrs. E. Stanley Stewart.

## Lioness Club Elects Officers

The Arlington Lioness Club recently held its election of officers for 1986-1987: president - Laura Ceresi; 1st vice president - Mildred Kletjan; 2nd vice president - Natalie Carella; secretary - Sarah Warren and treasurer - Sue Anderson.

Elected Lioness Tamer - Doris Bancroft; Tail Twister - Connie Ballard; and Board members (for two years) Angie Warshafsky and Marcia Biciocchi.

Installation of new officers will be held on Thursday, June 19 at the Winchester Country Club.

The Arlington Lioness Club is a non-profit organization formed to promote community involvement and public awareness of eye research.

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## Church

## Immaculate Conception Notes 60th Anniversary

This year marks the 60th anniversary of Immaculate Conception Parish on Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge. Many Parish "Homecoming" celebrations have been planned in connection with this event.

The first event will be a Mass in honor of the parish's Senior Citizens to be celebrated on May 18 at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Entertainment and light refreshments will complete the festivities.

For more information, call 547-3455.

## First Baptist

## Clothing Drive

A church World Service Clothing Drive will be held on Friday, May 23. First Baptist Church, 819 Mass. ave. is the place for clothing contributions to be brought between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Deliveries should be made to the church office.

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## UU Alliance Plans Lobster Luncheon

The Unitarian Universalist Alliance annual lobster luncheon will be held at the church Thursday, May 22, from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Reservations should be made by Friday, May 16, with M.E. Davis. The price is \$8.

## Golden Age Club

David Pearson of Belmont will show slides of castles and stately homes of England at the Golden Age meeting on May 22 at the Pleasant Street Congregational Church at 1:30 p.m.

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## Two Brackett School Teachers Will Be Honored

The Brackett School PTO invites Brackett parents, former Brackett students and parents, friends, colleagues and family to a Retirement Reception honoring Mrs. E. Belle Fitzgerald and Mrs. Margaret B. Tacito on Wednesday, May 21, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Brackett School Auditorium.

Both Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Tacito began teaching at the Brackett School in 1964.

Mrs. Tacito has taught first grade and Mrs. Fitzgerald has taught both second and third grades.

They are looking forward to seeing many former students.

## Bishop Bear Fair Set For Saturday

The Bishop School's annual Bishop Bear Fair will be held on Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bishop School field on Columbia rd.

There will be games and field events for children of all ages, pre-school and up. Mini-affle prizes will be awarded every half hour all day. There will also be face painting, fortune-telling, a celebrity dunk, balloons, and dress-up photos.

Food will be available all day at the fair including hotdogs, hamburgers, tacos, fruit salad, ice cream, and cold drinks. There will also be a table of baked goods. All are welcome.

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## Menu

### Arlington Public Schools-Lunch Menu

May 19 - May 23, 1986

#### High School

Monday, Meatball sub, shredded lettuce with dressing, chilled fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Mexican Fiesta: chalupe with lettuce and tomato, chilled fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Chicken nuggets with sauce, potato puffs, shredded lettuce with dressing, bread & butter, chilled fruit, milk.

Thursday, Beef wheelies, baked potato, tomato slice & pickle chip on lettuce, chilled fruit, milk.

Friday, Variety day: shredded lettuce with dressing, chilled fruit, milk.

#### The following entrees are available daily:

Hamburger, cheeseburger, pizza, cold cut sub, tuna roll & assorted sandwiches.

#### Junior High Schools

Monday, Meatball sub, shredded lettuce with dressing, chilled fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Mexican Fiesta: chalupe with lettuce and tomato, chilled fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Chicken nuggets with sauce, potato puffs, shredded lettuce with dressing, bread & butter, chilled fruit, milk.

Thursday, Beef wheelies, baked potato, tomato slice & pickle chip on lettuce, chilled fruit, milk, T.S. beef wheelies.

Friday, Variety day: shredded lettuce with dressing, chilled fruit, milk.

#### The following entrees are available daily:

Pizza, cold cut sub, tuna roll & assorted sandwiches.

#### Elementary

Monday, Chicken nuggets with sauce, potato puffs, chilled fruit, cookie, milk.

Tuesday, Chowich: ham & cheese croissant, tomato slice & pickle chip on lettuce bed, orange sections, milk.

Wednesday, Milk.

Thursday, Beefaroni, tossed salad with dressing, midnight chocolate cake, milk.

Friday, The chow daddy combo: pizza with juice and dy no mite bar with milk.

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## Spelling Bee



Erin Sheehan, 12, competes in the Elementary School Spelling Bee last Thursday night at Cablesystems. Spelling bee semifinals will be held tonight and May 22 and aired on Channel 3.

(Paul Drake Photo)

## Ask The Educators

# Education Assn., Elementary Science Program Discussed

Larry Greco  
President, A.E.A.

Question: What is the A.E.A.? What does the A.E.A. do?

The Arlington Education Assn. is the collective bargaining agent for the teachers of Arlington, and is a local affiliate of the Massachusetts Teachers Assn. and the National Education Assn.

It is the goal of the A.E.A. to promote and improve the quality of education in the Town of Arlington and to uphold high professional standards.

Local leadership includes six officers and 14 building representatives who are elected annually. Elected delegates also serve as representatives at the annual conventions of the M.T.A. and the N.E.A.

A.E.A. leaders represent Arlington teachers in contract negotiations with the Arlington School Committee. The contract, or collective bargaining agreement governs all terms of employment including salaries, policies, and working conditions.

A.E.A. leaders also act as a liaison between the teachers and the central administration, addressing a wide variety of issues related to educational programming personnel policies, and professional development.

The Arlington Education Assn. periodically sponsors fund raising and benefit activities to support education and other organizations such as the Massachusetts Assn. for

Retarded Citizens and the Special Olympics.

Annually, the A.E.A. grants a scholarship to an Arlington High School senior who is planning a career in education or human services.

The Arlington Education Assn. recognizes that it is most effective in its endeavors when it works together with the Arlington community whose children it is most committed to educating. It is with a unified commitment shared by the entire community that our children and education as a whole best prosper.

**Dr. Joanne Gurry**  
Assistant Superintendent  
Curriculum and Instruction

Question: What does the Elementary Science Program consist of?

The elementary curriculum is based on concepts in three areas: natural, physical and earth science. The instructional focus is hands-on, and activity-based.

The program is taught by a classroom teacher with the assistance of three elementary science specialists.

One specialist teaches lessons in natural science on a regularly scheduled basis to 4th and 5th grade students. The other two specialists administer the science resource center. They oversee the distribution and maintenance of all science kits, and

materials, plants, texts and other resources for the classroom.

In addition, they do sample lessons in the classrooms, consult with staff members, conduct workshops and organize the Outdoor Education Program.

This program provides a one week residential experience in the spring for all fifth grades, and it is an extension of the natural science curriculum.

Question: Do the schools have an approved library curriculum?

The schools have had a formal library media scope and sequence for several years. At present a revised scope and sequence, reflecting the contemporary role of the library media specialist as teacher and specialist with print and non-print resources, has been drafted.

Soon it will be available for review by the entire staff. The final document will be implemented in the 1986-1987 school year.

"Ask the Educators" is a forum for Arlington parents and residents to find answers to their local school concerns. If you have any questions about your schools or the people who run them, call The Advocate office or send the question in writing to "Ask the Educators," Arlington Advocate, 4 Water St., or phone 643-7900.

## Arlington Public Schools Summer Program Offers Many Opportunities

This year's Arlington Public Schools Summer Program offers something for all age groups. Adults and students in grades 10-12 will be able to participate in three all-day computer workshops.

Word Processing For You, July 12, introduces word processing functions that are common to most word processing programs.

Spreadsheets For You, July 19, teaches you how to design and use a spreadsheet and Data Base Management For You, July 26, will cover designing information files for home or business use.

The newest offering to the summer program list is a two-week Science Day Camp, July 14 - July 25, for students in grades 5-7.

Staffed by Ken Arnold, elementary school science specialist, and Marianne Dunne, co-director of the Arlington Elementary Outdoor Education Program, this camp experience will look at the elements of natural, physical, and earth science in everyday surroundings.

Computers will be used in the camp as a resource to aid in experiments. Video cameras will be used to record science-related events, so students can look at progression

and comparisons after the fact. Interested children will also be taught the simple basics of video recording.

Biking and Camping on Cape Cod is another new course offering for students in grades 7-12. Stratton School teacher David Nihill and Marianne Dunne will be leading this five day bike tour of lower Cape Cod.

Sleeping bags and bikes must be supplied by the participants. The bike trip will run from Aug. 11 to Aug. 15.

Typing will be offered for three weeks to students in grades 6-12 from 9 to 11 a.m. daily starting July 7.

Three 2-week computer courses will also be offered, each taught by Gibbs Junior High school teacher Stephen Carme.

Computer Fun and Enrichment emphasizes how to use the microcomputer through the use of educational games. It is open to students in grades 2-4 and will start June 30.

Basically Speaking, for students in grades 4-8, is an introduction to the BASIC programming language and will start July 14.

The Summer Arts Program will offer a selection of courses for students in grades K-12 for four weeks, beginning June 23.

Each course is 45 minutes in

length. Norma Aroy Elementary School Music Specialist, Joseph Gancu, High School Music instructor, and Anne Brady, elementary school art instructor will provide students with a wide range of music and art offerings.

Theater Arts for grades 4-6 will explore techniques in improvisation, movement, role playing, and make up.

Beginning String, Woodwind, Brass, Percussion, is offered to students in grades 3-8.

Intermediate Class Lessons for students in grades 3-12 continues with string, woodwind, brass and percussion instruments.

Beginning and Intermediate Guitar for students in grades 5-12 require that an instrument be provided.

Orchestra and Band will be offered for students in grades 3 to 8. Fun with Music will involve singing, movement, eurythmics, Orff instruments, the recorder, and instrument making and is open to students in grades K-3.

Enrollment in all courses is limited and students are selected on a first come basis.

Applications are due June 13. For more information call Mary Paridis at 646-1000, ext. 3125.

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## State House

**High Schools Grads (H 1261)**—House 90-57, rejected a bill establishing requirements, effective in 1991, which high school students must meet in order to graduate. Requirements include a passing grade for four years of English, two each of math, social studies and science, one of fine arts or humanities, and one half of computer science or business.

Supporters said the bill will strengthen the system and insure students have a decent minimum education.

Opponents, noting most communities in the state already comply in these areas, said the local communities should retain the power to set these standards.

A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against it.

Representative John Cusack did not vote.

Representative Mary Jane Gibson voted no.

**Regents' Diploma (H 4743)**—House 76-70, rejected a bill establishing a voluntary statewide exam for graduating high school seniors and awarding a Regents' Diploma to those students scoring at least 80 percent. The bill also allows students scoring in the top ten or the top 1000 students, whichever is less, to attend any state school tuition free providing they are accepted by the school and then maintain a 3.0 average.

Supporters said the \$5 million proposal would be a real incentive to students.

Opponents said the bill is flawed because it offers substantial financial assistance based on a single test.

A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against it.

Cusack did not vote.

Gibson voted no.

Sponsors of the following three initiative petitions say they plan to gather the necessary 10,000 signatures to place the issues on the November ballot. Two were defeated by the House and one passed the House but was not acted on by the Senate.

**Hazardous Waste (H 4002)**—House 145-0, approved an initiative petition requiring the state to identify and clean up hazardous waste sites within four years.

Supporters said the bill was a major step in a solution to this pressing problem.

A "Yea" vote is for the bill.

Cusack did not vote.

Gibson voted yes.

**Mail Registration (H 4000)**—House 93-56, rejected an initiative petition providing a system of voter registration by mail.

Supporters, noting the bill included many safeguards, said the system has worked well in other states and will increase registration among many groups.

Opponents said it will result in abuse and fraud and noted current laws provided for late night and weekend registration sessions for anyone who cannot register during regular hours.

A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against it.

Cusack voted no.

Gibson voted yes.

**Tax Limit (H 4004)**—House 93-49, rejected a complex initiative petition sponsored by Citizens for Limited Taxation, limiting state tax revenue growth to the level of growth in state wages and salaries and requiring any revenues raised above the limit to be returned to taxpayers.

Supporters said the measure will finally limit the state's revenues and noted that if in effect this year the bill would have returned \$450 million to taxpayers.

Opponents said the bill is too restrictive and noted they supported alternative measures.

A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against it.

Cusack and Gibson voted no.

**School Breakfast (S 1677)**—House 92-48, gave initial approval to a bill requiring several more Massachusetts communities to provide a school breakfast program giving free or low cost breakfasts to needy students. The House earlier had rejected 82-62, an amendment allowing school committees to vote annually not to participate in the program.

Bill supporters, noting the program is reimbursed by the federal government, said it will provide breakfasts to another 40,000 needy kids.

Bill opponents said the bill violates Proposition 2½ and claimed the decision should be left up to local communities. Both roll calls are listed.

The first is on passage of the bill 92-48. A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against it.

The second is on defeat of the local option amendment 82-62. A "Yea" vote is for the amendment. A "Nay" vote is against it.

Cusack did not vote on the first roll call.

Gibson voted yes on the first roll call.

Gibson voted no on the second.

Cusack did not vote on the second.

**Jails (H 5607)**—House 126-15, gave initial approval to a bill providing for the takeover of county jails by the state. The package provides \$35 million in funding and includes upgrading of prisons and construction of new facilities.

Supporters said the bill will lift a financial burden from counties and create a more efficient prison system.

Opponents said the takeover will result in mismanagement and increased costs.

A "Yea" vote is for the bill. A "Nay" vote is against it.

Cusack and Gibson voted yes.

**Jail Jobs (H 5607)**—House 106-41, rejected an amendment making the hiring of certain jail employees subject to civil service requirements.

Amendment supporters said this is the only way to insure hiring of competent people and elimination of patronage.

Opponents said the bill already protects against patronage and contains provisions requiring that strict guidelines be followed in hiring practices.

A "Yea" vote is for the amendment.

A "Nay" vote is against it.

Cusack and Gibson voted no.

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## Bulletin Board

**Town Day Committee**—May 15, 1 p.m., hearing room, second floor, Town Hall.

**Affordable Housing Task Force**—May 15, 8 p.m., office of the Board of Selectmen, second floor, Town Hall.

**Conservation Commission**—May 15, 8 p.m., Planning Dept., first floor, Town Hall Annex.

**Board of Selectmen**—May 19, 6:15 p.m., second floor, Town Hall.

**Board of Assessors**—May 19, 7 p.m., first floor, Town Hall.

**Special Town Meeting**—May 19, 8 p.m., Town Hall auditorium.

**Secondary Sub Committee of School Committee**—May 20, 8 p.m., sixth floor, Arlington High School.

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## Guest Column

# The Case Of The Purloined Premiums

By RICHARD MANUGIAN

Every once in a while, an insurance company tries to keep money that belongs to one of its policyholders.

I ought to know.

It happened to me three times in the last three years, with three different companies.

Each time, regulatory officials from state insurance offices rode to my rescue.

But the case that stands out best in my mind took nearly three years to settle.

I call it The Case of the Purloined Premiums.

It all began when I signed up for a life insurance policy, through an agent for a national insurance company, in San Antonio in March of 1983.

A week later I changed my mind, and cancelled before I even received the policy.

That's why I was surprised in the spring of 1984 when I received a letter from the insurance company that was forwarded from my old San Antonio address.

It was a report of my policy, and showed the company had withdrawn nearly \$1,000 in premium payments from my credit union over the past year.

Because I keep what I politely call a loose checkbook, I hadn't noticed the transactions.

But I did notice, coincidentally, that a number of checks recently written on that account were suddenly bouncing like basketballs.

After a number of frantic long-distance phone calls—all at my expense, despite repeated promises by a company agent to call me back—I found out what had happened.

My original agent had left the company shortly after initiating the paperwork to cancel my account, I learned, and no one else at the office had ever completed it.

I wasn't exactly thrilled, but I figured it was an honest mistake and just wanted to get my money back.

The people at the insurance company appeared less honest than their error, however, and didn't seem to want to give me my money.

Not even after I tracked down my old agent, who produced dated pay slips that showed he had never been commissioned for my then-cancelled policy.

I continued to badger the company literally for months, however, until finally they mailed me a form for the surrender of my policy.

If I signed it, they said, they would give me the cash value of my policy—roughly half of what they had taken out of my checking account.

Five hundred dollars, though, seemed like an awful lot of money for me to pay for someone else's mistake.

So I filed the release form in an appropriate receptacle and contacted the State Board of Insurance in Texas.

A week later, the Board sent me verification that they were investigating the case.

And a month after that, the Board sent me another letter.

It was a copy of a letter they had just mailed to the insurance company asking why the company hadn't responded to Board inquiries into my

case.

As an experienced victim, I was no longer surprised by the company's practice of Better Business Through Silence.

But I was surprised to see them pull it on the people who regulate their profession.

At the same time, I even found it a little reassuring to know that I wasn't the only target of their disrespect.

I figured the Board had applied additional pressure, though, when I received a letter from the insurance company a couple of weeks later.

This time they wanted me to sign a different form.

If I did, they said, the company would cancel my policy and give me back all the money it had taken from my account, as if the policy had never been in effect.

Fine, I said. That's all I ever wanted in the first place.

So I signed the form and mailed it off, then waited for my money.

Two weeks later, I got a new letter from the Board of Insurance.

It was a copy of a new letter sent to the insurance company, with a pointed reminder that the Board could revoke the company's license if it continued to ignore the Board's inquiries.

At this point, I began to suspect that my old insurance company was even more anxious than I was to see my money returned.

So I wasn't surprised when I finally got it—on Jan. 28, a week after the threatening letter from the Board of Insurance.

Two days later, a representative from the insurance company called me on the phone.

I was flattered, because I knew from experience how rare it was to get a phone call—or communication of any sort, for that matter—from that particular company.

Their representative had called to ask me if I was satisfied with the settlement.

I said I was. All I ever wanted, I told her, was my money back.

But it's a safe bet I'd never have gotten it without the State Board of Insurance.

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# Letters To The Editor

## Teen Pregnancy To Be Discussed

TO THE EDITOR:

Pregnancy is a problem in Arlington High School, and a crisis for a pregnant teen and her parents. How severe is the problem in Arlington, and how can Arlington help its youth and their families cope with the sexual pressures of the 80's?

We are asking concerned parents and teachers to discuss their interest and to learn more about the issues, and possible courses of action, by attending our forum, "Teen Pregnancy in Arlington—Fact or Fiction."

The meeting will be held Sunday, May 18th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Unitarian Universalist Church, 630 Massachusetts Ave., Arlington Center. Everyone is welcome.

Bruce Knoth  
Bernice Bowers  
First Parish Social Responsibility Committee

## Parents Discuss School Issue

TO THE EDITOR:

Kudos to the citizens of Arlington! There are, indeed many people in our town who are interested in, concerned about and, above all, anxious to be involved in the education of our children. The turn-out at the first meeting of "The Committee for Responsive Education" was overwhelming.

The overall objective of everyone in the room on Thursday night was an Arlington Public School system that has a reputation for excellence and generates community pride.

Our goal is to have an educational system that stimulates our young citizens to perform to their highest potentials; and to have them prepared to function in a global community where problem solving, expertise in high technology, creativity, artistic expression, and communication on many levels will be absolutely essential.

Many questions were raised about how the "public" can help teachers, administrators, and School Committee members to meet this goal. The general consensus seemed to be that we all need to work together in pursuing common interests and concerns.

The system is often too overwhelming for one or two parents to confront alone. We determined that many people had the same questions and concerns about their children's education and had been floundering or fighting, seemingly single-handedly. Some were considering giving up, and sending their children to private school. I would like to share with you some of the questions and concerns that were voiced repeatedly.

Many individual seemed concerned about the curriculum. Some questions were: Why don't parents have copies of the curriculum for each year their children are in school? Where is the science curriculum? Why do some teachers tell us they have no time for science? Where is a foreign language curriculum for elementary children? Where are manipulative materials for teaching math to the youngest children? Who decides that children should have art only twice a month?

How is the curriculum set up to provide for the "right-brained" child? Why are abridged or adapted versions of the classics being read in the upper grades? Why do we see the same poor-quality, mimeographed work sheets come home year after year? Are teachers allowed the flexibility to adapt the curriculum to individual student needs and their own strengths? This is just a sample of the many questions related to the topic of curriculum.

Another area of interest was full-day kindergarten. One question raised was whether pupils are lost to public education because they start in private kindergarten. Working parents simply cannot cope with the hours of schooling offered by public kindergarten. How can we help public school policy catch up with demographic realities?

Parents also voiced concern about the special needs of children with disabilities on either side of the mean. Questions were raised about whether materials and resources were sufficient to meet these special needs. Why are classes for academically talented and gifted children only held once a week? What about enrichment for children below grade four? Why is so little money spent on the academically talented program or the art program? Why are these programs comprised in certain schools because of "scheduling problems" or lack of space? Why do parents of special-needs children feel the need to spend money for private instruction to supplement perceived inadequacies in the classroom?

We also heard that there are differences between the schools in their openness in communicating with parents and involving parents in the educational process. This report lead one parent to ask, "to which school should I send my child when it's time?" Should the quality of responsiveness rely on where we live in the town?

Many people expressed interest in improving the format of School Committee meetings so that citizen concerns are addressed or answered in a give-and-take exchange in that forum. Many wondered why meetings and agenda of the School Committee were not published so that the public could make informed appearances.

The people raising these issues are just as motivated to find the answers as they are to ask the questions. One activity being considered is publication of a newsletter for parents. Another, larger undertaking would be a handbook for parents covering the entire system.

There are many other positive actions we can take to meet our goals and objectives. Every avenue will be pursued. With the support provided by a large group of citizens so willing to work, our community can expect a superior and responsive educational system.

Diane U. Jette

Belmont (where I came from) and I though a news story on this might be interesting.

Would Mr. Balafer be willing, for example, to divulge how much is collected each year? I notice the brochure says "thousands have already contributed to the fund," but that might include the entire period since 1983.

The annual total can't be terribly large and I was interested that graduate students could be eligible as well as college-bound or trade school-bound high school seniors. It does seem as though with a limited amount of money it would be better to confine it to the latter.

How many students are assisted in any one year? Is the money all given each year or was the original amount invested, etc.?

Perhaps you have done a story on this and I missed it. However, I still think another story would be interesting.

I might add that I have no relatives personally interested in these funds.

Elizabeth K. Braucher

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Since the scholarship program was started, \$36,394 has been contributed by taxpayers. That amount becomes the principal and is invested, according to Treasurer John Balafer.

The money earned from the principal is then given as scholarship money. No money was distributed the first year and the small amount of earned interest was added to last year's distribution of \$3,500. Six students received scholarships varying amounts from \$400 to \$1,000.

This year, another \$3,500 will be distributed. The scholarship committee consists of the treasurer, a taxpayer and principals of Arlington High, Arlington Catholic and Minuteman Tech.

Arlington is the only city or town allowed through special legislation to collect through a tax bill check-off box. "The people of Arlington have responded to it very well," says Balafer.

This year alone, taxpayers sent in \$14,000. That includes "thousands of contributors" giving from \$1 to \$100, said Balafer.

The paper has done numerous stories on the program since it was started by Balafer.

**Working Toward A Better Education**

TO THE EDITOR:

Last Thursday night I attended the first general meeting of the Committee for Responsive Education.

The Committee was organized by a group of Arlington parents who are eager to work with the Arlington schools to improve and enhance the quality of education that our children can receive in the public schools of our town.

Although my daughter is only two years old, I am already anxious to insure that she will be able to enjoy the most stimulating and challenging education that our schools can provide. I was excited by last Thursday's meeting because it brought together many parents (with children of all ages) who are concerned about the quality of public education and who are willing to work together to find the most effective ways of contributing to

a public school system that we and our children will all be proud of.

I want to publicly thank my neighbors who brought the Committee for Responsive Education together and to encourage other parents to join this exciting effort.

Phyllis Warren O'Connell

## Resident Wants Creation Of New Town Charter

TO THE EDITOR:

In reference to Herbert Meyer's letter On Power and Town Meeting; the right and power of cities and towns to create and form self-governments is not expressly denied by Article LXXXIX Right of Local Self-Government of the State Constitution, provided the form of local government is subject to the provisions set forth in the Town Charter.

The State Constitution empowers citizens and Town Meeting members to put the creation of a New Town Charter to a popular vote.

A new Town Charter can empower Town Meeting members and their precinct constituents with supreme sovereignty concerning the enactment and enforcement of town ordinances, bylaws and "the duties of the moderator and the government of Town Meeting."

A new Town Charter will restore our sacred honor.

David Pearson

**Resident Urges Others To Help Tutor Immigrants**

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to alert fellow Arlington residents to a unique and rewarding volunteer opportunity available to residents of the Boston area.

The program I am writing to describe is called One with One and pairs English-speaking Americans with immigrants and refugees from foreign countries in an attempt to welcome them to the U.S. and integrate them into their new homeland.

For three hours each week, Americans meet with their foreign partners to tutor them in English and assist in obtaining jobs, housing, high school diplomas, and other important living skills.

One with One supports American partners by coaching them in how to teach English and by guiding them in the functions of a mentor.

As an American partner in One with One for the past six months, I can attest to the benefits of the program for both partners. My partner, a Haitian immigrant, has had a chance to improve his English skills and to gain exposure to some typical "American experiences" (including a trip to the Capitol Theatre!).

Prior to our partnership, he had been somewhat isolated, relating mainly to fellow Haitians, speaking mostly his native French, and having contact with few Americans.

I, in turn, have learned much and had a great deal of pleasure from our

partnership. I have learned an immense amount about a fascinating culture and much more about what we Americans take for granted, both the good and the bad.

More important, however, I have had an opportunity to experience the pleasure of making a concrete contribution to another individual.

If you would be interested in learning more about the One with One program call 254-1691 or write: One with One, P.O. Box 404, Brighton, 02135.

I would also be happy to answer questions about the program and can be reached at 641-3268.

Bancroft R. Poor

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## Letters

### Family Happy To Get Lost Dog

TO THE EDITOR:

Through the excellent cooperation of Sal Catanzano, our animal officer, and the Carvalho family of Crosby st., our German shepherd, the Noble Duke, is back with the Wedge family.

Noble left home Sunday night probably through an open gate, and headed, we believe, to our son's home on Woodland st.

He never reached there. The police were called and a search of the town started, with no results.

However, John, a young friend of Anita and Nicole Carvalho, saw Noble near Arlington Center and felt he was the missing German shepherd. Hans, of the Carvalho's.

Because their dog was missing for a month, Mrs. Carvalho and the girls immediately responded.

Noble was brought to their home because he looked almost exactly like Hans to them.

At home they realized Noble was not theirs but they gave him a nice home for the night and notified the police of the find.

Very early the following morning I again phoned the police hoping for good news, then contacted Sal at his home.

He couldn't have been more willing to help.

He started his search and received a call from the Carvalhos and picked up our Noble at Crosby st., phoned us, delivered Noble to us and still hopes to hear from someone on the still lost Hans.

We hope this letter will have a two-fold result, recognition of Sal's excellent work and reaching someone who holds Hans so he will be returned to these unselfish people who could easily have kept Noble for their own.

Maurice G. Wedge

### Baseball Field Shouldn't Change

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this letter because I feel that the stands and house that are attached to the Arlington Spy Pond Field should stay just where they are.

They are a benefit to have for fans because they are place where people can sit and relax through a baseball game. Also, there are bathrooms for fans, a place to get a drink of water or shelter from rain if necessary.

I have played at the field with the Inter City League Medford Mustangs

against the Grannan Club. I am also head baseball coach at Malden High School and have coached there.

My belief is that there should be stands and a fieldhouse at all parks for the convenience of the fans, players, and coaches.

Arlington has both facilities now and is fortunate for that. Most ball parks in our league don't have anything.

Shawn Brickman  
Head Baseball Coach  
Malden High School

### Spy Pond Field 'Ideal Setting': Cambridge Coach

TO THE EDITOR:

In my capacity as head baseball coach at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School in Cambridge, my high school teams have had the opportunity to compete against Arlington High on its fine Spy Pond Field.

I feel that Spy Pond and the existing bleacher and locker room facilities offer an ideal setting for high school baseball in our area.

I feel that if these facilities were to be eliminated it would be a severe blow to Arlington High baseball and high school baseball in the greater Boston area.

Bill Fulginiti  
Head Coach  
CRLS Baseball

### Former Red Sox Player Praises Spy Pond Field

TO THE EDITOR:

I have recently been informed that Spy Pond Field is going to be razed, and I must say that I couldn't believe it.

As a former professional player with the Red Sox and a former varsity baseball coach at North Quincy High School for 20 years, I consider this complex to be one of the most outstanding facilities we have in the Greater Boston area.

I am speaking for a great many people in the Quincy area when I ask the powers that be to please reconsider destroying a fine environment for our young people, and instead allow future generations to enjoy Spy Pond Field as we know it.

Charles C. Bunker Jr.  
Quincy

### Heights Nursery School Parents Thank Merchants

TO THE EDITOR:

It is with much gratitude that we extend our appreciation to the following businesses and professionals for their donations to our annual Spring Fair, helping to make it a success:

Highland Foods, Overseas Motors, Lexington Gardens, Clown Around, Jimmy's Steer House, R.W. Shattuck, Pewter Pot Restaurant, McDonalds at 4 Corners, and the Heartland Food Warehouse.

We would also like to thank Dunkin' Donuts, Summer st., The Capitol and Regent Theaters, Dr. Michael R. Coppe, DDS, Dr. George W. McEachern, DDS, Dr. Arthur A. Daniels, DDS, Dr. Donald S. Sherman, DDS, Dr. John J. Caravolas, DDS, The Shepherd and the Lamb, and Arlington Coal and Lumber.

Sage's of Belmont, Arlington Food Co-op, The Shaker Workshop, Helen's Pastry Shop, The Pie Shop/Burlington, and Food Master all helped as well.

Also, Quebrada Baking Co., Arty's Restaurant, Arlington Fabrics, Wilson Farms, Balch's 5-10, Stop & Shop and DeMoulas.

We would also like to thank The Arlington Advocate for allowing us to publicly acknowledge our sponsors and we hope the community will join us in recognizing their generous support.

Jean M. Potter, Director  
And The Parents of the  
Arlington Heights Nursery School

### Save Spy Pond Field

TO THE EDITOR:

As a member of the Finance Committee, a caring citizen of the Town of Arlington, and a true believer in the democratic system, I was deeply disturbed about an incident which took place at the last Finance Committee meeting.

The issue at stake was the ball field at Spy Pond. More than 50 citizens appeared before us, asking that a moratorium and a citizens' review take place on the town's plan to remove half of the existing stands and tear down the clubhouse.

The people who appeared before us had no prior knowledge of or input to this proposal. The Finance Committee had no prior knowledge of or input to this proposal. And there was some question as to whether the Selectmen had prior knowledge of this proposal.

It seems as though a decision to alter the Spy Pond field was made solely by Mike Wright and the Town Manager, with the support of the

School Committee (according to the Manager). The citizens of the town who use this facility were never informed, let alone consulted about this decision. While I have the utmost respect for the Town Manager, I disagree with this type of unilateral decision-making—even if it does involve CDBG funds.

Although the present facility may be unsafe and may be in need of renovation, I see no reason to destroy part of this facility when it is used so widely by the citizens of the town. This facility has a long and proud history which should not be ignored.

I personally cannot see the justification in spending \$70,000 to remove the clubhouse and half of the stands, when the same money could be spent to renovate the entire facility. But renovation was never a consideration. I'm sure that many of the people who appeared before us would be willing to help raise funds for the renovation of the clubhouse and the stands.

The people who appeared before us felt that they had no place to go to be heard except before the Special Town Meeting. Although this was not really a Fincom issue, we felt that it was important for them to be heard, and I'm glad that we did choose to hear them.

I fully support Article 17 which asks for a moratorium on the present plan, and the establishment of a joint town/citizens' committee to review all of the options for Spy Pond.

Pegi Cunningham

### Sancta Maria Staff Thanked For Care

TO THE EDITOR:

During April I was hospitalized for 11 days at the Sancta Maria Hospital.

The care I received at this time was most professional. Everyone was so patient and considerate.

The combined efforts of the medical and nursing staff made my hospitalization as pleasant an experience as possible.

For these reasons I would like to express my most sincere gratitude to all the hospital staff, especially: Dr. A. Kerhulas, Dr. Britt, Barbara Capone, Carol Shaw, Ellen Crosse, Ellen Wheat, Jan Horihan, Joyce Babytes, Jan Jones, Linda Ann W., and smiling Harriet McCarty.

Joseph N. Sampson



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## Health News



Health Stop supervisor, Connie Gannon, RN assures Eagle Scout candidate, Jonathan Frederick during a blood pressure test. Along with 13 other exhibiting companies and groups, Health Stop will be distributing free balloons and testing blood pressure at the Arlington Boys and Girls Club, 60 Pond lane, this Saturday from 9:30 to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

## Health Fair To Feature Over A Dozen Exhibitors

"Fun and Information" is the theme of the Health and Safety Fair, this Saturday, May 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Arlington Boys and Girls Club.

More than a dozen exhibits will be on hand at the fair organized by local Eagle Scout candidate, Jonathan Frederick.

The Health Stop will be providing free balloons and blood pressure testing at the fair.

Joining Health Stop, the Arlington Police will be demonstrating fingerprinting techniques. Bradlees Department Stores will be showing their "Safe Kid" video, an information film designed to prevent kidnapping.

Drug Awareness will be the theme of the MDC Police's exhibit while Symmes-Choate Hospital will demonstrate the latest CPR techniques. Bicycle Safety will be the subject stressed by McDonald's Corp.

Armstrong Ambulance will show

off its latest equipment. The American Alarm Company will participate with its property protection systems.

Richard Walsh will be concerned with "Safety with Firearms." Vision and eye glass safety will be stressed by Arlington Vision Center, East Arlington.

Adults as well as children will enjoy the lock display offered by Security Lock Distributors of Newtonville.

Bees and wasps safety procedures offered by Dale and Mary Wilson of Bedford will round out the wide variety of demonstrations.

Boston Edison and Factory Mutual Companies have also shown support by making available distribution of their booklets, "Electrical Safety and You" and "Home Guide to Fire Safety and Security."

Arlington Boy Scout Troop 306 will be supporting this effort by assisting Life Scout Frederick throughout the day. All are encouraged to drop by.

### Burns Named To New Position

Karen A. Burns has been promoted to the newly created position of Director of Information and Medical Records at Visiting Nurse and Community Health Inc., 87 Pleasant st.

In her new responsibilities, Burns plans, implements and controls the scheduling of all computer work on the STAT (computer software system) which has recently been installed at the visiting nurse agency. She is training and supervising staff; and she continues to oversee admission and discharge of patient records and staff in medical records.

Burns came to VNCH in July of 1985 as a medical records specialist.

### Arthritis Support Group To Meet

The Burlington-Woburn Arthritis Support Group will hold its monthly meeting at the Choate Hospital in Woburn on Tuesday, May 20, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Gerald S. Harris, M.D., a rheumatologist at Symmes Hospital and at the Regional Health Center in Wilmington, will be the guest speaker. Dr. Harris will address the topic "Quackery and Arthritis."

The program is free and open to the public. No pre-registration is required.

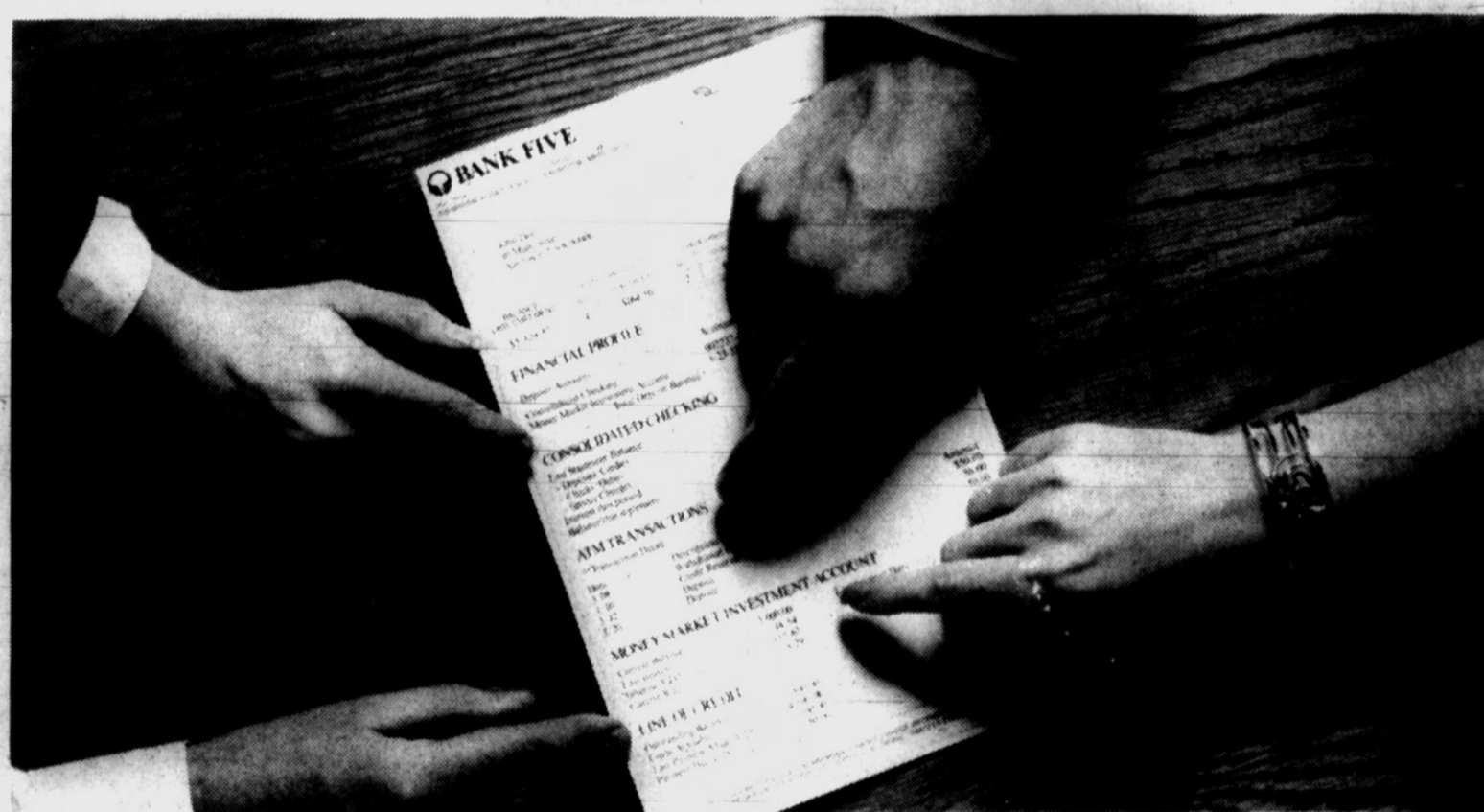
### Ostomy Group To Meet May 21

Joan Halpin, enterostomal clinical specialist at Choate-Symmes Hospitals, will be the featured speaker at the May 21 meeting of the Northwest Ostomy Support Group.

She will discuss the anatomy and physiology of the gastro-intestinal system and urinary system.

Symmes Hospital will host an afternoon meeting from 2 to 4, and Choate Hospital will host an evening meeting from 7 to 9. Time will be allowed for questions and mutual support as well as to see a display of ostomy products.

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Kenneth Canavan

## Miss Gorton, Mr. Canavan Are Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Lane W. Gorton of Ithaca, N.Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Lucille of Newton, to Kenneth James Canavan, of Boston, son of Mrs. Edna Canavan, Newport, R.I., and the late Mr. James E. Canavan. Miss Gorton is the granddaughter of Mrs. Wallace Gorton and Francis H. Tufts, both of Arlington.

A 1983 graduate of Clemson University, South Carolina, Miss Gorton received a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is the screening nurse clinician for the Geriatric-Neuro-Psychiatry Unit at Boston City Hospital.

Mr. Canavan is a 1976 graduate of Boston College with a bachelor of science degree in accounting. He is the controller for Softbridge Microsystems Corporation, Cambridge.

A September wedding is planned.

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Caroline Beals  
and Robert Lord

## Miss Beals, Robert Lord Are Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Beals of Merrimack, N.H., announce the engagement of their daughter, Caroline Jean, to Robert A. Lord III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Lord Jr.

Miss Beals is a 1980 graduate of Merrimack High School and a 1984 graduate of St. Anselm College with a B.S. degree in nursing. She is employed at Mt. Auburn Hospital in Cambridge as a registered nurse.

Her fiancé is a 1980 graduate of Arlington Catholic High School and a 1984 graduate of St. Anselm College with a B.A. degree in computer science. He is employed by Urban Data Processing in Burlington as a project manager.

An October wedding is planned.



Lynda Tyler and Paul Ciccolo

## Lynda Tyler And Paul Ciccolo Wed

Lynda Tyler and Paul Ciccolo were married on March 15 at Martha Mary Chapel in Sudbury. Richard P. George officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Clara M. Tyler of Cambridge. The bridegroom is the son of "Babe" Ciccolo, also of Cambridge.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, John W. Tyler. She wore a gown by Allegria of Belmont. The maid of honor was Angela T. Sillari of Somerville. The best man was Charles P. Arakelian of Boston.

A reception was held at Lombardo's in East Boston.

The bride is a graduate of Cambridge High and Latin School and is now working as an administrative assistant at the Cambridge courthouse.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Rindge Tech in Cambridge and is currently the chief clerk at the Middlesex Probate Court in Cambridge.

The couple is now living in Arlington.

Debora Malin  
and Jeffrey S. Reed

## D. Malin, Lt. Reed Are Engaged

Mary Malin of 51 Fairmont St. announces the engagement of her daughter, Debora Malin of Somerville, to Lt. Jeffrey S. Reed, USN, son of Carl O. and Dixie Lee Reed of Stockton, Calif.

Miss Malin, who graduated from Arlington High School in 1981 and Fisher Junior College in 1983, is employed by Harvard University.

Her fiancé graduated from Lincoln High School in Stockton, Calif., in 1976, and entered the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., in 1980.

## L. Desmond, Dirk Nyren Are Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Desmond of Arlington announce the engagement of Lisa Marie to Dirk D. Nyren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nyren of Burlington.

Miss Desmond is a 1986 graduate of Salem State College and is employed at the Lexington Racquet & Swim Club.

Her fiancé is a 1984 graduate of Beloit College in Wisconsin. He is a tennis pro at the Lexington Racquet & Swim Club.

An August wedding is planned.

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Shirley Reynolds and Leonard Torto

## Shirley Reynolds And Leonard Torto Marry

The marriage of Shirley I. Reynolds of Lynn, formerly of Arlington, and Leonard A. Torto of Lynn was held at Holy Family Church in Lynn on Oct. 26.

The morning ceremony was performed by the Rev. Charles J. Grady. A reception followed at the Presidential Ballroom of Caruso's Diplomat.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her cousin, Richard Mailman.

The bride's gown of white silk French satin with French Alencon and Bristol laces was fashioned with a wedding band collar and pleated bonnet sleeves. The full skirt which flowed into a chapel train had a lace hemline border. Her long veil of white illusion with appliques of Alencon lace and silk flowers was attached mantilla fashion to a Camelot cap covered with tiny silk flowers.

Mrs. Evelyn Bly of Sanford, Maine, the bride's sister, was matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Katherine Pelle of Peabody; Laurie Torto of Lynn, sister of the bridegroom; Mrs. Donna Ellison of Malden; and Kimberly Mailman of Florida, cousin of the bride.

They wore floor-length taffeta gowns of graduated shades of orchid and carried nosegay bouquets of mixed flowers.

The flower girls were Maryann Bly and Tammi Bly, the bride's nieces, and Nova Lynn Mailman, the bride's cousin. The ring bearer was Lance Bly, the bride's nephew.

The best man was James P. Ennis of Lynn. Ushers were Vernon Reynolds of Portland, Maine, brother of the bride; Leo Lynch of Woburn; Clinton Jackson of Lexington; Paul Costello of Lynn; Walter McPartlin of Salem; and Robert Reed of Lynn.

The bride formerly resided with her cousin Eleanor P. Lowe of Arlington. She is a 1969 graduate of Portland High School, Portland, Maine; and a 1971 graduate of Bryant Stratton Jr. College of Business. She is employed as a secretary at General Electric Co., Lynn.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Torto of Lynn. He is a 1969 graduate of Lynn English High School and attended Boston University College of Liberal Arts. He is employed with Swissair.

Following a wedding trip to Europe with tours through Switzerland, Paris, and London, the couple is residing in Lynn.

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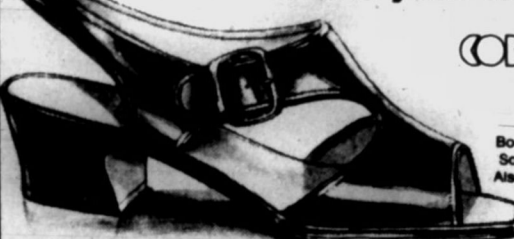
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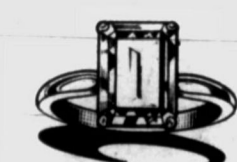
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